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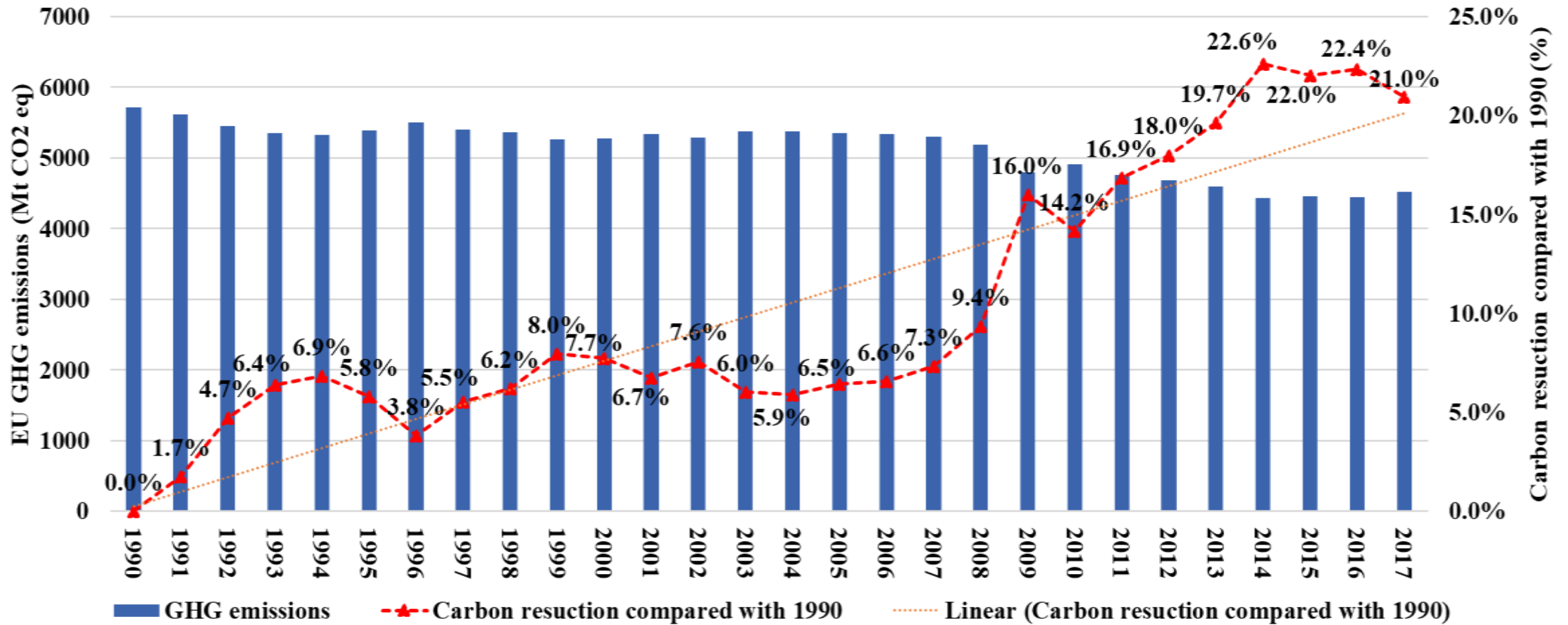
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Human-based Inclusive approach for residential building retrofit: review and strategies



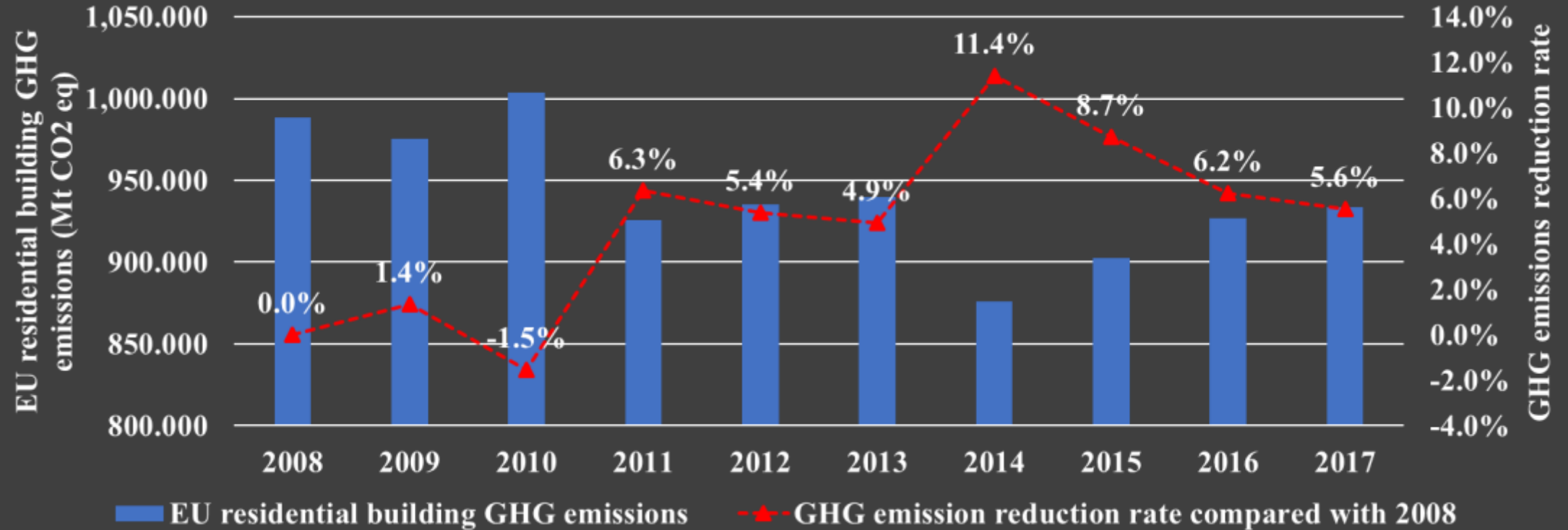
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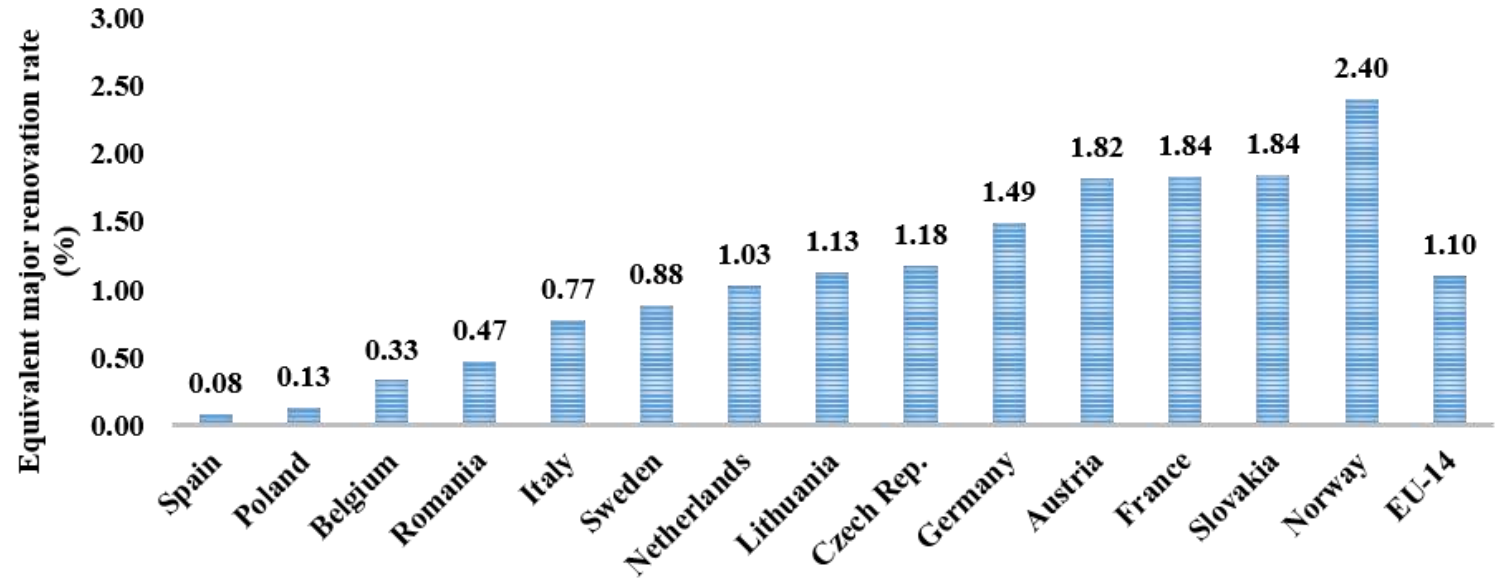
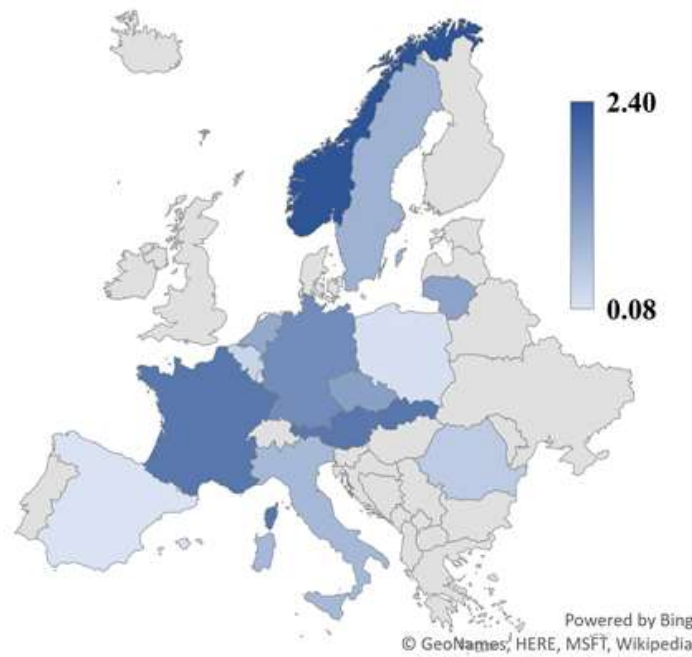
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Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission trend in EU from 1990 to 2017

EU residential building GHG emission and reduction rate from 2008 to 2017





Equivalent major renovation rate in 14 EU countries by the end of 2016

Barriers to residential building retrofit rate



Property features

Non-standard building shape
Restriction to the external wall
Conflict with the surrounding buildings



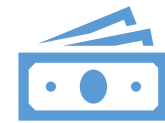
Householders' preference

Emotional attachment
Householders' value
Pre-existing preference



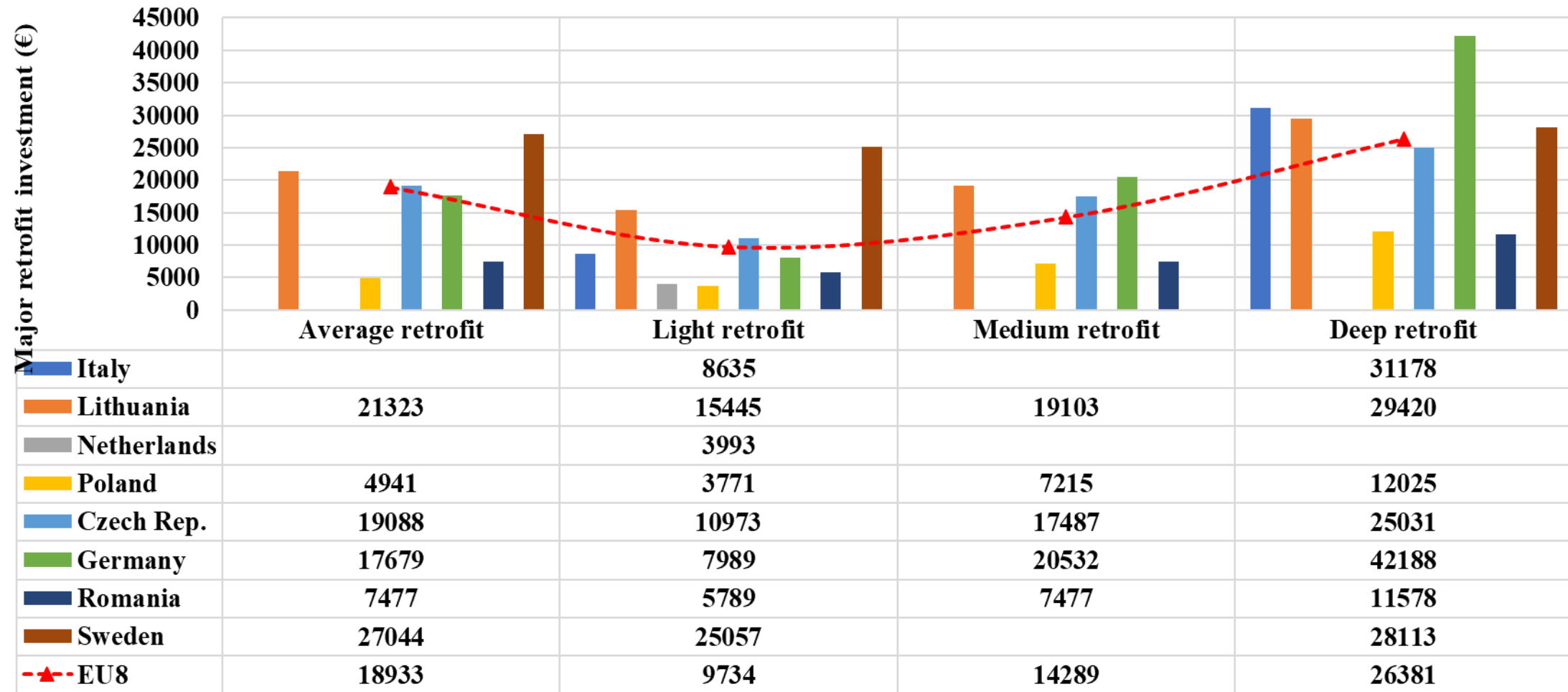
Installation time

Complicated refurbishment work
Limited spare time
Inefficient communication



Willingness to pay

Large retrofit expense
Insufficient funding from government



Barriers to residential building retrofit rate

Willingness to pay

Motivations for building energy-related retrofit



Improve the indoor comfortable level



Energy saving



Reducing energy bills cost



Improve the value of the properties as financial investment



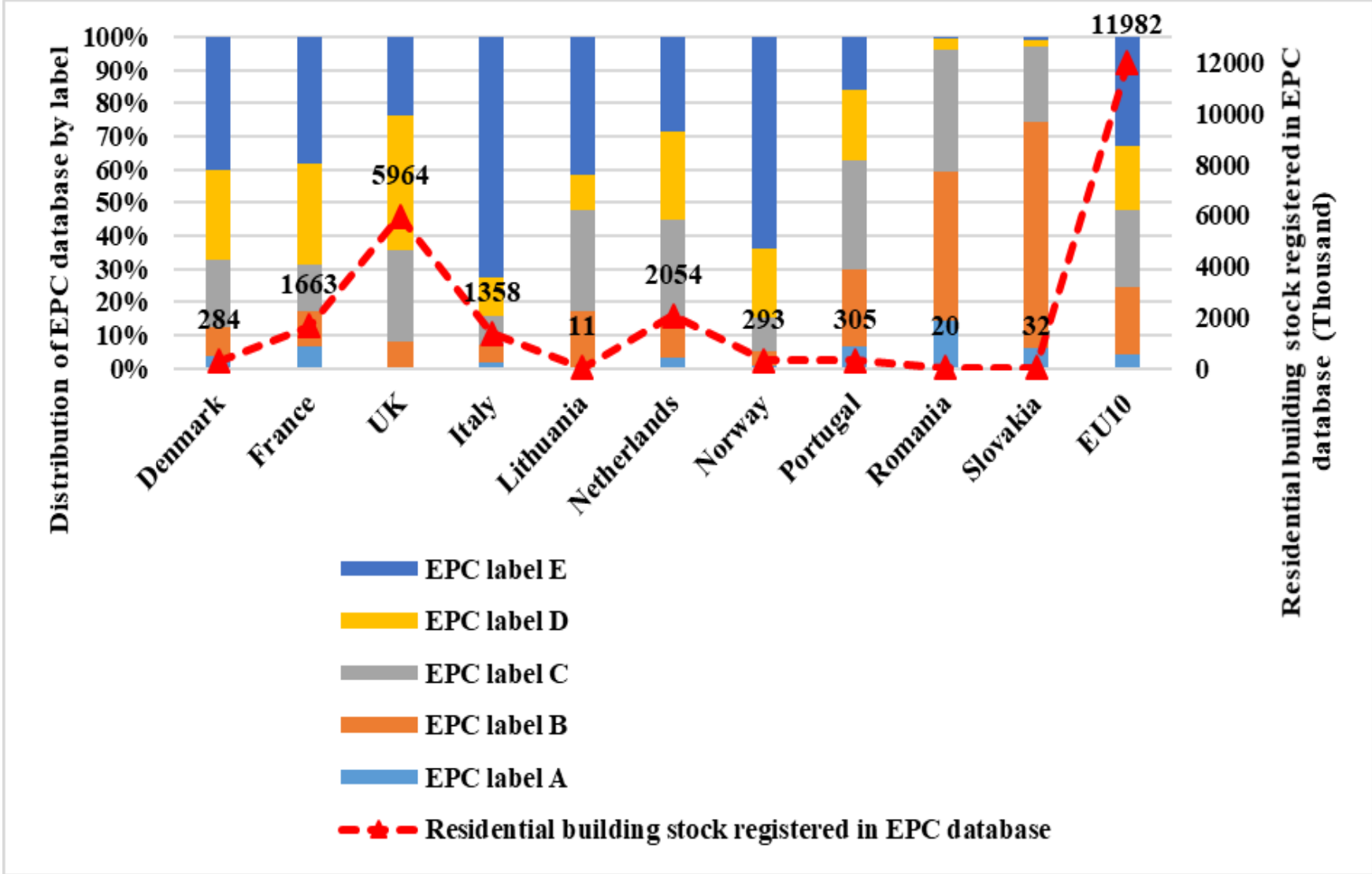
Government legal regulations for the minimum EPC grades to sale or rent



Influence of peers and the next generation.



Distribution of EPC building stock by label A-E





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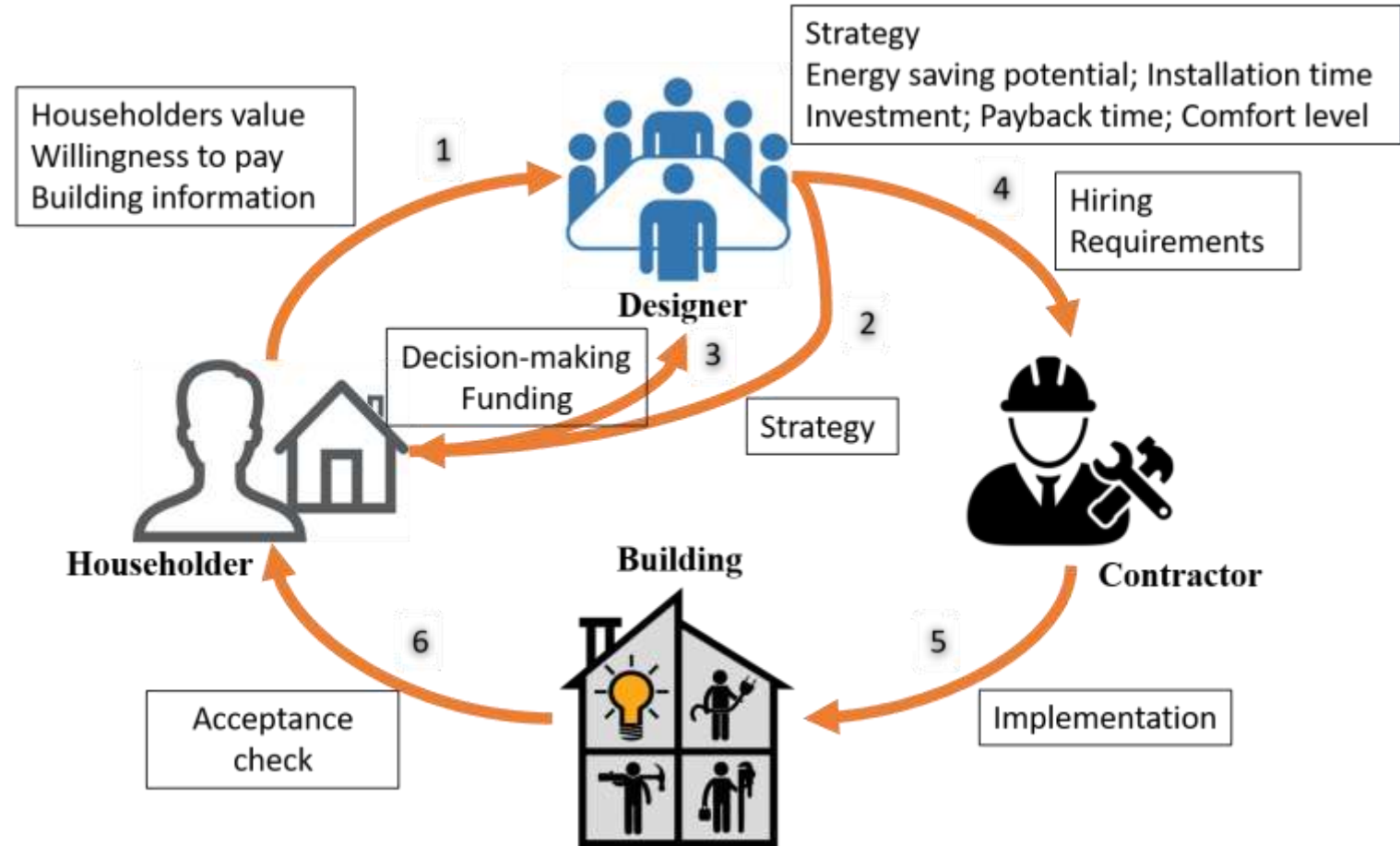


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Human-based inclusive retrofit (HBIR) approach

- Human-based inclusive retrofit (HBIR) approach to residential buildings means that each individual buildings and its' stakeholder is valued and they are treated with dignity and respect.

Co-operation among householder, designer, contractor, and building





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Principles for HBIR approach



No assumption in the building basic information



Deep understanding on the motivations/expectations of the householders



Energy saving strategies and technologies suit with different budgets and preferences

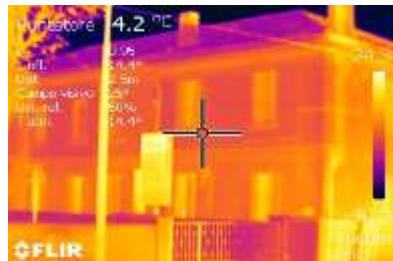


Bridge the relationship between the retrofit service with the householders to better understand their values and preferences

HBIR approach process



- A. Infrared thermograph
- B. Rapid in-situ U-value measurement by heat flux method
- C. innovative pulse technique
- D. human behaviours survey
- E. Questionnaires or interviews: motivations and expectations of the householders



Fast measurements technologies for pre-retrofit site inspection

HBR approach process

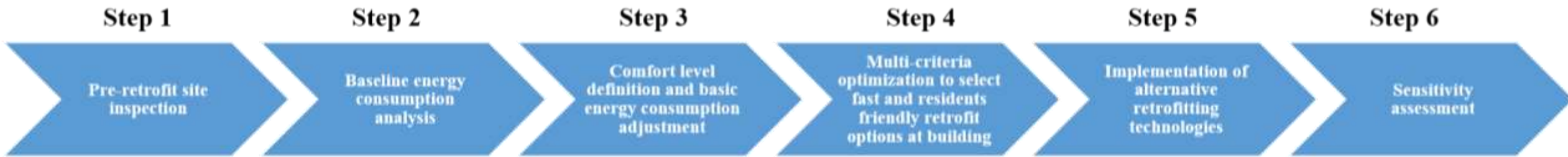


ESP: Energy saving potential
IT: Retrofit installation time
NPV: Net present value
PBT: Payback time

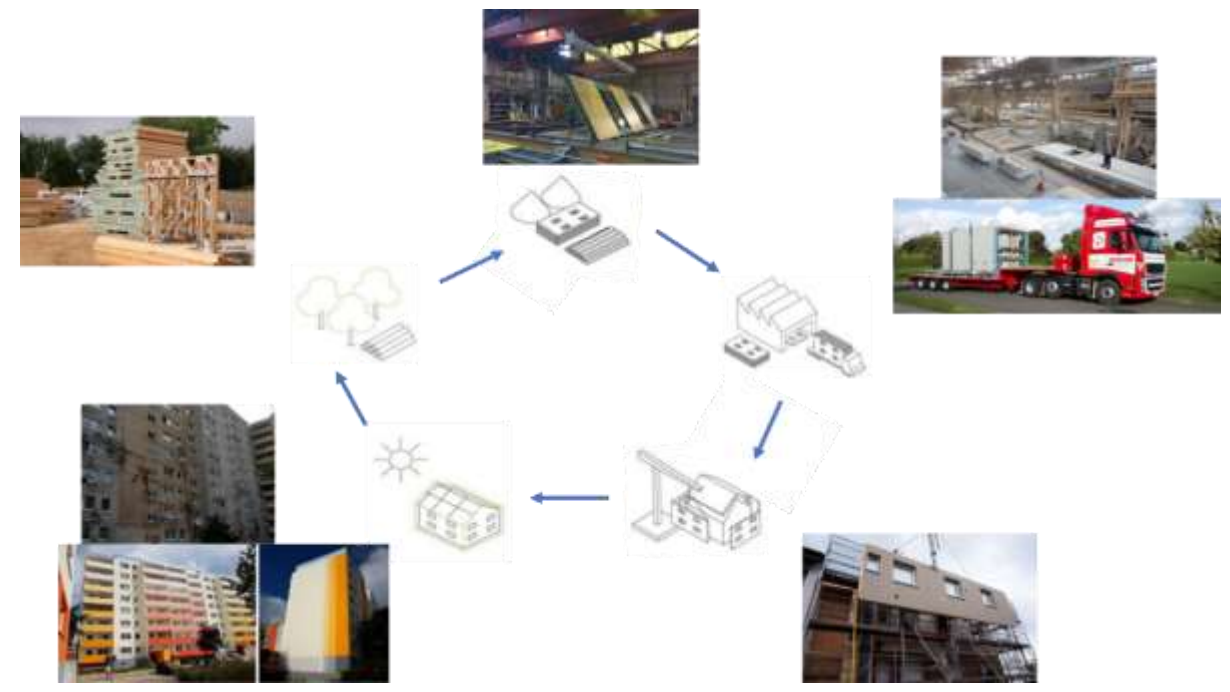
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 ESP = \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m S_i^j X_i^j(t) \\
 IT = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m T_i^j X_i^j \\
 NPV = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{P(t) - M(t)}{(1+d)^t} - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m V_i^j X_i^j(0) \\
 PBT = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m V_i^j X_i^j(0)}{\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m S_i^j X_i^j(t) c_i^j / T}
 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l}
 \min -\mu_1 ESP + \mu_2 IT - \mu_3 NPV + \mu_4 PBT \\
 \text{s.t.} \begin{cases} \mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3 + \mu_4 = 1 \\ ESP \geq a \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m V_i^j X_i^j(0) \leq WTP \\ PBT \leq c \end{cases} \\
 s_{i+1}^j = f(s_1^j, s_2^j, \dots, s_i^j)
 \end{array}$$

$X_i^j(t)$: Alternative interventions (i, j, t) , with the j^{th} type alternative retrofit options for the i^{th} type interventions in the t^{th} year, which is simply called alternative (i, j, t) .

HBIR approach process



Cycle of ‘off-site manufacture & on-site assembly’ retrofit implementation





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'Future-fit' retrofit technologies

- **Definition:**

- The 'future-fit' refurbishment technologies are defined as appealing and acceptable technical solutions to householders and neighbours, which is a negotiation between the technical requirements and the expectation of the residents, to not only fulfil the short-term retrofit requirement, but also fit for future further retrofit requirements.

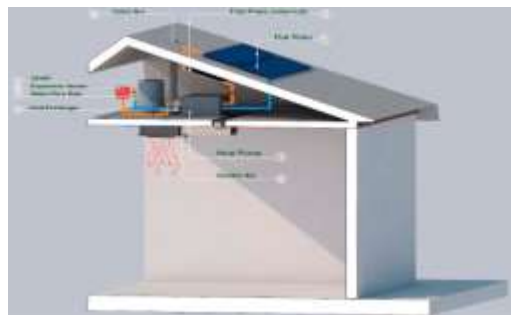
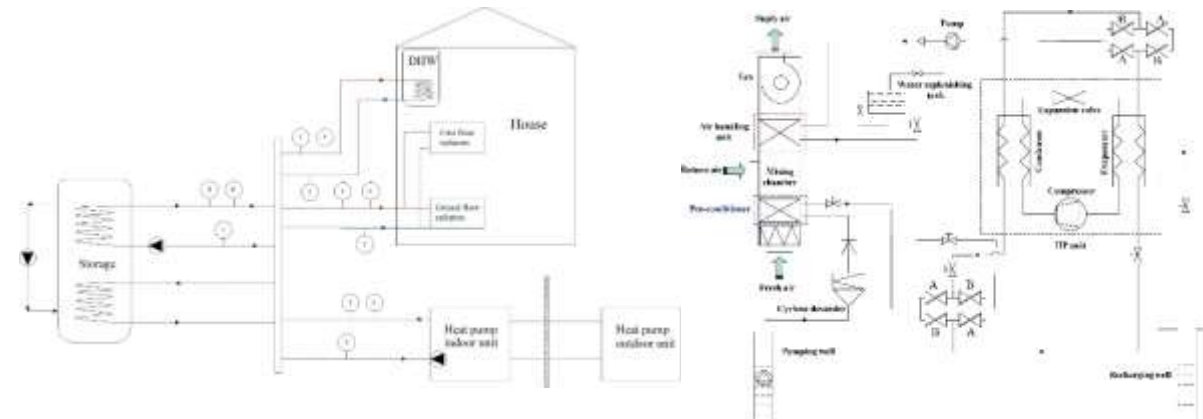
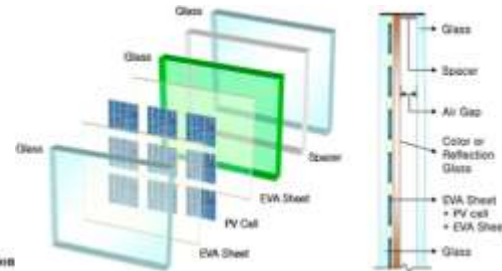
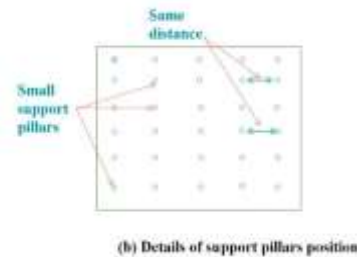
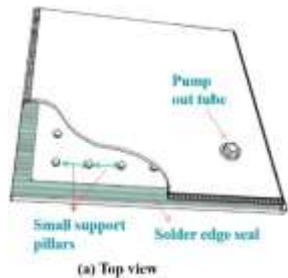
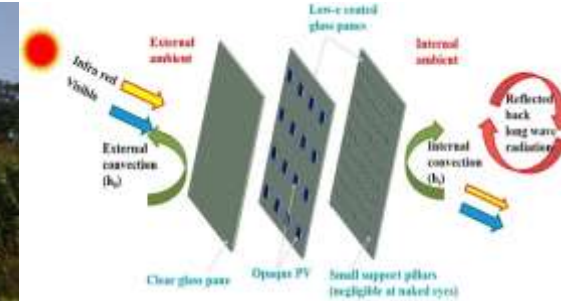
- **Features:**

- Appealing and acceptable to householders
- Adaptive to existed construction of the property
- Available to future extended refurbishment
- Maintaining the building characters
- Fast installation

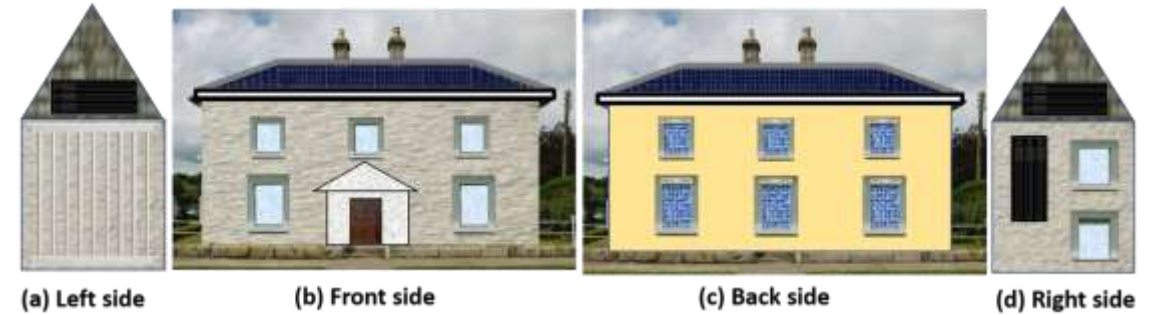
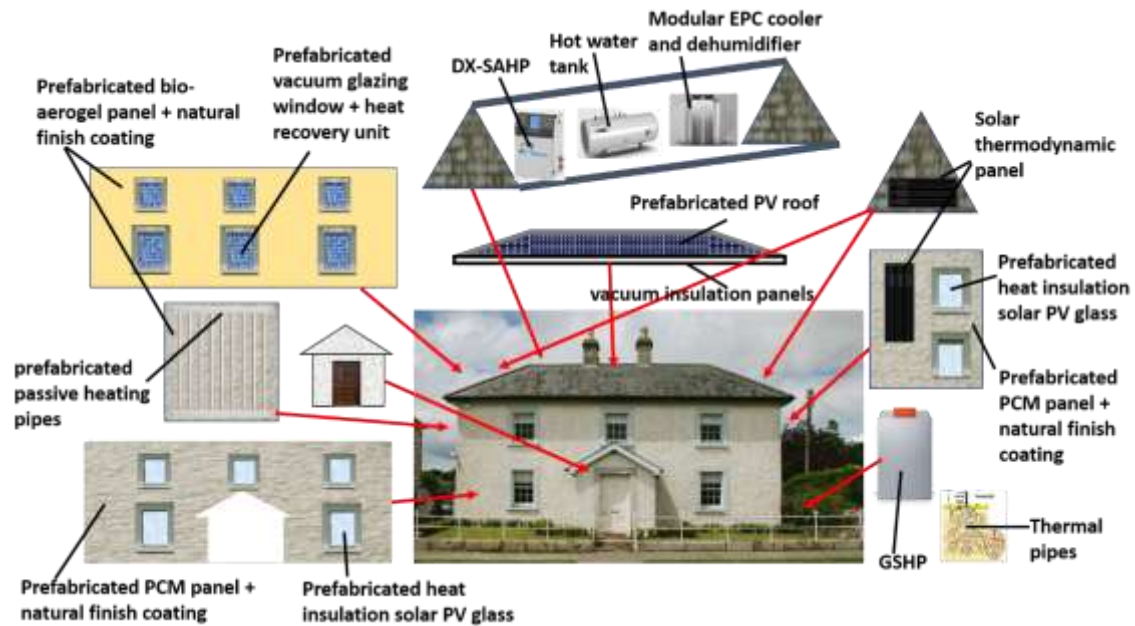
Technologies review

No	Future-fit retrofit technologies	Core materials	Tech Features	Economic level	Installation type
1	Heat insulation solar glazing windows (HISG)	transparent a-Si PV module; nano coating for low reflection; nano TiO ₂ photocatalyst coating; high reflectivity insulation film	U-value: 1.10 W/m ² ·k; Electricity generation efficiency: 7.1% (under solar irradiation of 850W/m ²) Self-cleaning coat; thickness:28mm; greatest temperature difference:12.70 °C.	++	Prefabrication
2	Semi-transparent Photovoltaic-vacuum glazing	Cadmium Telluride (CdTe) based PV cells; low-e coating; vacuum glazing	Electricity generation efficiency: 4.3% (under solar irradiation of 1000W/m ²); U-value: 0.8 W/m ² ·k; thickness: 12mm; 33% spectral solar transmittance	++++	Prefabrication
3	Aerogel-enhanced plasterboards	More than 50% vol. silica aerogel	Thermal conductivity: 0.016 W/m·k Available both internal and external wall	+++	Prefabrication
4	Vacuum insulated panels	Cullulosic nano-crystal (CNC)/Fumed silica porous material	Thermal conductivity: 3.9-4.2 mW/m.K (Fumed silica-VIP); W/m·k,11.7–13.6 mW/m.K (CNC-VIP) Minimum thickness 5mm, service life span 60-160 years	+++++	Prefabrication
5	Biomaterial Interior thermal insulation	Wood fiber board, flax fibers, hemp fibers, jute fibers, and sheep wool	Low thermal conductivity: 0.05 W/m·K, High moisture diffusivity: $1.1 \times 10^{-6} - 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$	+	Modular
8	air-water heat pump	Refrigerant: R410A, heat pump exchanger contacted with air in one side, and water in another side	fixed outlet water temperature of 75 °C, annual system COP with 2.03 (lowest), 2.24 (highest)	++	Modular
9	DX-solar assisted heat pump	Refrigerant: R407C, solar thermal dynamic panels as the evaporator of the heat pump, hot water storage tank	Total surface area of the panel: 4.22 m ² , compressor rated power: 800W, maximum hot water output temperature: 60°C, COP varied from 3.0 to 3.91 under solar radiation varied from 0 to 200 W/ m ²	+++	Modular
10	Ground water-source heat pump	Ground water heat exchanger as the evaporator or condenser of the heat pump	average cooling COP: 3.66 (winter), average heating COP: 4.13 (Summer)	++++	Modular
11	Solar roof tiles	Ergosun Solar roof tiles	Thickness: 4mm Electricity generation efficiency: 15% Different colour options	+++++	Modular/prefabrication

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Case study



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